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**The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Supporting UM Allies Program**

9/18/17

SB 13-17/18

Authored by: Bailey Durnell, ASUM Senator;

Sponsored by: Cal Reynolds, Director, Student Involvement Network;

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the interests of about 12,000 students at the University of Montana;

Whereas, ASUM advocates on behalf of the health, wellbeing, and success of all the students of the University of Montana (UM);

Whereas, Access to a safe and inclusive learning environment is important to the success, growth, and future for all students of UM;

Whereas, UM Allies is an opportunity on campus for UM staff and faculty, regardless of sexual orientation or gender, to take a prominent role and active role in developing and maintaining a culture of safety and inclusion at UM;

Whereas, UM Allies provides faculty and staff with the appropriate language and knowledge to better include and relate to their students, as well as providing them with campus resources so that they may effectively advise and advocate for students in need of those resources;

Whereas, UM Allies helps to identify these resources to prospective students as well as the campus-at-large;

Whereas, LGBTQ+ students experience higher rates of mental illness and are less likely to report instances of harassment and discrimination;

Whereas, Creating a safe and inclusive campus is important to both recruitment and retention, and we are a stronger and richer campus when all individuals can feel safe to celebrate their true selves;

Whereas, UM Allies helps identify UM as a university that recognizes issues faced by LGBTQ+ students and is taking an active role in supporting those students;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM encourages all faculty and staff to commit themselves to creating a safe and inclusive environment on campus;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that ASUM encourages all faculty and staff on campus to participate in and complete the UM Allies training;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that this resolution be sent to Sheila M. Stearns, Interim President of the University of Montana; Beverly Edmond, Interim Provost of University of Montana; Rhondie Voorhees, Dean of Students; Maria Mangold, President of Staff Senate; and

47 Mary-Ann Bowman, Chair of Faculty Senate.

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51 Passed by ASUM Senate: September 27, 2017


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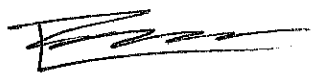
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57  Connor Fitzpatrick,

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Chair of the Senate

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